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1. RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE STAFFER OCT 9 DESCRIBED ROMANIAN POSITION IN ECPC TALKS IN TERMS SIMILAR TO REF C. RCP LIKES THE NEW EAST GERMAN ECPC DRAFT "SOMEWHAT BETTER" THAN PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS. IT IS ACTUALLY A "SOVIET" DRAFT, AND THE MYTH OF EAST GERMAN AUTHORSHIP IS BY NOW A THREADBARE JOKE. CHANCES ARE NOW IMPROVED FOR CONVENING AN ECPC BEFORE THE CPSU CONGRESS. AT LEAST IT WAS HIS "PERSONAL" IMPRESSION THIS IS WHALG THE SOVIETS
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STILL WERE TRYING TO GET, IF POSSIBLE.

2. VERY IMPORTANT POINT FOR RCP WAS HOW ECPC DOCUMENT CHARACTERIZED DETENTE. SOVIETS INSISTED ON CLAIMING LION'S SHARE OF CREDIT FOR DETENTE, BASED ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS AND UNITY OF SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH. ROMANIANS SAW DETENTE "LESS EXCLUSIVISTICALLY" AS THE PRODUCT OF A MUCH WIDER VARIETY OF FACTORS, AND CERTAINLY NOT OF MERELY THE CPSU'S "PEACE POLICY". HOWEVER, CPSU ATTACHED CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO GETTING THIS POLICY RATIFIED BY BROTHER PARTIES ON ITS OWN TERMS.

3. RCP'S VIEW OF HOW TO TREAT CP'S RELATIONS WITH PROGRESSIVE FORCES ALSO CONTINUED TO BE MAJOR POINT OF DIFFERENCE WITH CPSU, BUT RCP LET WESTERN EUROPEAN CP'S (ITALIANS) CARRY BRUNT OF DEBATE ON THIS, SINCE THEY WERE MORE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN PROBLEM. SOURCE RECALLED RCP'S OFT-REPEATED DOCTRINAL CALL FOR "HISTORIC RECONCILIATION" BETWEEN CP'S AND SOCIALISTS (IMPLYING THERE COULD NOT BE MUCH GIVE IN RCP POSITION).

4. SOURCE OPINED THAT IT WOULD BE A "LONG TIME" BEFORE ANYBODY GOT AROUND TO HOLDING A WORLD CP CONFERENCE. THERE WAS "ABSOLUTELY NOTHING" TO THIS SUMMER'S WESTERN PRESS SPECULATION THAT SOVIETS MIGHT GIVE UP ON ECPC AND GO FOR A WORLD MEETING FIRST.

5. ON CHINA, RCP'S POSITION IS ENSHRINED AS PRINCIPLE IN THE RCP PROGRAM, AND THUS REMAINS UNCHANGED HOWEVER BAD SINO-SOVIET POLEMICS BECOME. SOURCE CHARACTERIZED RCP'S "GOOD" RELATIONS WITH CHINESE PARTY AS BY FAR ROMANIA'S "NUMBER-ONE PROBLEM" WITH THE SOVIETS, HOWEVER. RELATIONS WITH PRC WOULD NEVER BE UPGRADED TO "EXCELLENT", HOWEVER, SINCE THIS WAS "TOO DANGEROUS AND "AFTER ALL WE'RE NOT ALBANIANS." TITO WAS ONLY NOW "CATCHING UP WITH ROMANIA" IN BALANCING MORE EVENLY BETWEEN SOVIETS AND PRC. SOURCE CALLED ATTENTION TO NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY RELEASE CIRCA OCT. 8 ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AS NOTABLY VITRIOLIC EXAMPLE OF CHINESE GOING ON "OFFENSIVE" AGAINST "DEFENSIVE" SOVIETS RECENTLY.
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